

## Private Duty Nursing Program (PDN) Overview

PDN is a cost effective alternative to hospitalization. Private Duty Nursing means line-of-sight skilled nursing that is more individualized and continuous than the nursing care that is available under the home health (HH) benefit or routinely provided in a hospital or nursing facility. Nursing care is provided by an RN or LPN in the home for individuals meeting the eligibility for the program.

All applicants are reviewed by the utilization review contractor, DDM, to determine if the following regulatory guidelines are met:

- Client is Medicaid eligible in non-institutional setting
- Client is technology dependent
  - Dependent at least part of each day on a mechanical ventilator
  - Requires prolonged IV administration of nutritional substances or drugs
  - Dependent daily on other respiratory or nutritional support, including trach care, suctioning, oxygen support or continuous tube feeding.
  
- Client is medically stable and able to be cared for at home (except for acute episodes)
- Client must meet at least one of the medical criteria

Private Duty Nursing benefit is available to all Medicaid clients who meet the requirements in rules at 10 C.C.R.2505-10, Section 8.540 PDN rules can be located at

<http://www.chcpf.state.co.us>. >reference material >staff manual volume8.

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